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TO : Chief, Foreign Branch "M"
FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe
SUBJECT: CARBOHYDRATE -- Progress Report

Synopsis: This operational memorandum contains no requests for action. It summarizes CARBOHYDRATE's overt employment record from the time of his recruitment; describes his current SED and SPD status; his exploitation of unwitting sources; his character, motivation, and recommended methods of handling; his ability; his wife in relation to the operation; and the control and security aspects of the operation. A recent incident involving CARBOHYDRATE with the CIC is recounted, and disseminations from his material are listed.

1. CARBOHYDRATE's Overt Employment: CARBOHYDRATE at the time of his recruitment was the head of a section of the Criminal Police Department of the German Administration of the Interior, with the rank of Regierungsrat. His promotion to the rank of Polizeioberst was pending at the time of his dismissal from the GAI. Despite his excellent record with the GAI, where he had been employed since 1 November 1946, he was given notice a month after the advent of the new President of the GAI, Dr Kurt FISCHER. His dismissal came, apparently, as a part of the general purge instigated by FISCHER in which former Nazis, professional soldiers, non-SED members, a few personal enemies, and residents of the Western Sectors of Berlin were fired. CARBOHYDRATE's dismissal, however, was handled as something of an exception. While most of the others were fired summarily, CARBOHYDRATE was given notice on 15 October but told that he would not actually be released from the payroll until another suitable position had been found for him. The GAI and the SFD Landesvorstand Berlin attempted to arrange a position for CARBOHYDRATE with the Central Justice Administration, but CARBOHYDRATE was turned down by its president, Max FECHNER, because also he did not want to hire Western Sector residents. In the meanwhile, SCHONHERR, CARBOHYDRATE's former chief in the GAI, had left the GAI and taken over the Criminal Police Department of the Soviet Sector Berlin police. He requested CARBOHYDRATE for his department, and on 15 November 1948, CARBOHYDRATE began work with the Berlin police with the rank of Kriminalrat. When the pending change of Berlin police rank designations to conform to zonal practice takes place, CARBOHYDRATE will become a Kommandeur erste Klasse (comparing with the military rank of lieutenant colonel). He is in the fourth pay grade, receiving a gross monthly salary of 1,100 DM (East). CARBOHYDRATE is still not entirely clear as to precisely why he was discharged from the GAI. Although the ostensible reason was that he lived in the US Sector, there were a few exceptions to this general policy -- notably LUST, head of the Administrative Police Department. At the time CARBOHYDRATE thought his discharge was due to a personal animosity which he believed MELKE, one of the vice presidents, harbored against him. Since that time he has come to the conclusion that SCHONHERR arranged his discharge in order to be able to take him with him to the Berlin police. In any event it is true that CARBOHYDRATE is very well thought of by SCHONHERR, and it may be that the latter's recent promotion to vice president of the Berlin police (cf MGB-8392) may enhance CARBOHYDRATE's value as a source.

2. Sources in the GAI: At the time CARBOHYDRATE left the GAI, he thought he would be able to retain two good, unwitting informants in the persons of LUST and SAUER, the latter a K-3 specialist who was the subsource of several of CARBOHYDRATE's reports. The difficulty

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of contacting LINST, however, proved a great hindrance to his use, and SAUER was fired on rather obscure grounds soon after CARBOHYDRATE left.

3. Agent's Character: CARBOHYDRATE is a vain and somewhat boastful little man. His tendency to boast is not believed to be a security hazard, because in operational matters it is probably more than counterbalanced by his native caution. His caution is well illustrated by his motivation in volunteering his services to us. We have not detected in CARBOHYDRATE any deep aversion to the professional work he does nor to the people for and with whom he works. Nevertheless, as he explained at the time of his recruitment, he had come to the realization that if Soviet Zone police affairs continued their obvious trend there would come a time when employees of the GAI would be regarded as former Gestapo personnel are regarded now. Thus he came to us in order to establish, by agent work, a sort of reputation insurance for himself with the representatives of the other side. Despite this admittedly selfish motive in offering himself for recruitment, he has at no time stinted in the services he performs for us. Furthermore, he has displayed an extremely high order of courage in obtaining information for us. In the summer of 1948, when other agents were afraid to smuggle even scraps of notes out of the GAI building, CARBOHYDRATE met his case officer regularly with his briefcase literally bulging with classified documents. Although quite amenable to routine requests and guidance from the case officer, CARBOHYDRATE at first displayed an occasional tendency to ignore the case officer's instructions in borderline matters because he believed his judgement better. In consequence, any case officer handling CARBOHYDRATE should be at pains to establish immediately and beyond doubt the fact of his intellectual superiority and greater experience. This need not be done with too much regard for the amenities; CARBOHYDRATE reacts to sharp criticism and clear assertion of authority in the best German manner. After this basis for future cooperation has been laid, however, CARBOHYDRATE should be handled courteously and given the impression that we respect his ability and are personally interested in him, his problems, and, particularly, his family. CARBOHYDRATE lays great store in the food and sundry supplies he receives from us. That he is to a large extent materialistic is clear, but by the same token his abiding interest in food stems largely from his devotion to his wife and family. The agent is very much in love with his wife, and is very much concerned for the welfare of his children. His own childhood was an extremely happy one. His father is a career public health doctor, and before the war was reasonably well to do. CARBOHYDRATE grew up in Berlin/Spandau, a suburb which is more like a small town than typical of Berlin. He was, and still is, a sports enthusiast, and proud of his skill in sports. The agent's political opinions have not jelled, although he has a rudimentary inclination toward what we call democracy. He is not satisfied that any present German political party is completely representative of his views.

4. Agent's Ability: Some of CARBOHYDRATE's extremely good opinion of himself is justified. He possesses an excellent, legally trained, analytical mind, and has a remarkable talent for picking out the essentials of a problem. His appreciation of what may be of intelligence interest is, in his case officer's opinion, considerably above the average, although he has a natural tendency to consider legal developments unduly important. He is an excellent reports writer in every sense of the word; he separates fact, opinion, and rumor meticulously, does not ramble, and writes in a clear, simple style which leaves no doubt as to his meaning. Because of his analytical ability he has been assigned from time to time the task of writing background studies which have been quite valuable. Because of these talents, it is possible that CARBOHYDRATE may be of use to this organization even after his exploitation as an active source is no longer possible. One important improvement which could be made in his reporting would be the inclusion of more operational details. CARBOHYDRATE prefers to limit his written reports to intelligence and report operational developments orally to his case officer. From a security standpoint this method has much to recommend it, but provided it were compatible with current security considerations it would be helpful to have more inclusive, written reports from him on the operational aspects of his case.

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5. Ability to Judge People: CARBOHYDRATE has demonstrated considerable skill in obtaining information from unwitting informants, and much of his best intelligence has been obtained in this manner. He lacks, however, the intelligence sophistication and experience to engage in any conspiratorial plots to gather information. He has, for example, been under stern instructions from the beginning that he is not, under any circumstances, to recruit any subsource or even to sound anyone out on their political views. It is his case officer's opinion that CARBOHYDRATE could probably never be developed into a chief agent. For example, one of CARBOHYDRATE's best unwitting sub-sources in the Police Praesidium is a lawyer by the name of SCHNEIDER. SCHNEIDER had greatly impressed CARBOHYDRATE by his contacts and pull, and when SAUER, the GAI subsource mentioned above, came to CARBOHYDRATE for help in getting a job with the Berlin police, CARBOHYDRATE took him to SCHNEIDER. SCHNEIDER and SAUER at once hit it off fine, and in CARBOHYDRATE's presence began to discuss the existence in Berlin of two rival "NKWD" groups. CARBOHYDRATE was very much impressed by the worldliness of these two gentlemen, and came to his case officer with great plans for, through them, penetrating Soviet intelligence. The opportunity was seized to tell CARBOHYDRATE something about the birds and the bees in the intelligence world. He was instructed to drop his efforts to aid SAUER, since the circumstances of his dismissal from the GAI indicated him to be under some sort of a cloud. He was also told that he should take SCHNEIDER's information, particularly on matters outside his official field, with a bit of salt, and that he should be extremely circumspect and discreet in his relations with SCHNEIDER -- apparently a hail fellow well met type who would probably not have an impressive life expectancy in the Soviet-controlled police if he did not mend his manners. Our evaluation of SCHNEIDER as a personality has since been supported by CARAPAGE, who accidentally met and chatted with him during the May Day parade this year. Another example of CARBOHYDRATE's occasional naiveté is described below in the paragraph on CARBOHYDRATE's SPD transactions.

6. Agent's Wife: CARBOHYDRATE's wife is aware of his work for us, and has a clear idea of what it consists of. She is in sympathy with it, although fully realizing its danger, and has, to help it along, done a number of things quite distasteful to her -- registering for rations in the Soviet Sector, attendance at SPD meetings with the agent, agreeing to an eventual move from the US to the Soviet Sector. Her courage appears to be on a par with CARBOHYDRATE's, but she is a much more tense and nervous type. She appears to be exceedingly discreet, and we do not regard her under normal conditions as a security risk. It is impossible, unfortunately, to predict how she would react in a critically dangerous situation. She was subjected to repeated rape by Soviet soldiers in the closing days of the war, and detests the Soviets and all Communists.

7. Agent's Motivation: As mentioned above in para 1, CARBOHYDRATE's original motivation in volunteering his services as an agent was purely selfish. He desired then only to insure himself against later repercussions resulting from his having worked for the GAI. Also, during the time of his service for us he has grown more and more dependent on the material supplies which we give him weekly. The salary arrangements proposed in MGB/A-3759 will make him even more dependent on us. CARBOHYDRATE is now an "Assessor (K)", that is, a lawyer who has not received his doctorate and is not authorized to appear before the bar, and who, as denoted by the "(K)", received his assessor's title during the war without the customary examination. The agent's ambition, on completing his work for us, is to complete the necessary work on his doctorate. This would require that he and his family be able to live for about a year without salary. If the salary recommendations we made for him in MGB/A-3759 are approved, and he stays on the job for another year, he should be able at the end of that time to embark upon this enterprise. In addition to the agent's materialistic motivations, there seems little doubt that he thoroughly dislikes the Soviets and their system and holds the SED and all its works in contempt. Whether or not, however, he would have set himself in active resistance to them had he not foreseen concrete benefits accruing to himself thereby is at present not clear.

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8. Security and Control: CARBOHYDRATE is acquainted with the following members of the organization under aliases: C as Mr. C; E; and (C) as (C) and (C) as (C). He knows (C) as (C) and under his true name. He learned (C) true name through the carelessness of a household servant -- a regrettable but well nigh inevitable occurrence under the circumstances under which we operate in Berlin. For the first few months of the operation he was contacted by his case officer only in street corner meetings, but after his reporting reliability was established and no evidence was found to indicate that he might be a penetration agent, weekly meetings were laid on at the case officer's house. He knows absolutely nothing about our organization except that it is, apparently to him, on a higher level than CIC. Of necessity he knows what our interests in Berlin and Soviet Zone police are, but does not know the extent of our information. Apart from the ever present security threat of his wife's knowledge of his work for us, the most serious danger probably lies in the character of the agent himself. Although he has abided strictly by the terms of his agreement with us, and has gathered and reported intelligence unstintingly, he is in the final analysis an opportunist. There is no reason to believe that he would protect our security if placed in any serious danger or threatened by Soviet representatives.

10. Agent's Background and Status in the SPD: CARBOHYDRATE joined the SPD in May 1946. He was never active in the party, but remained in its good graces until the time he decided to get in touch with US officials. It will be remembered (cf MGB/A-1833) that it was through DEWALD, then chief of the Police Committee of the SPD in Berlin, and BLIEMEISTER, an SPD man and Chief of Police for the US Sector that CARBOHYDRATE contacted us. At that time, May 1948, BLIEMEISTER advised CARBOHYDRATE to surrender his party book to KEILHOLZ, CARBOHYDRATE's SPD City District treasurer, and maintain his SPD membership in secret in the future. We allowed this situation to remain unchanged during the period we were testing CARBOHYDRATE as a source. The discharge of CARBOHYDRATE from the GAI and the resultant doubt as to his future contributed to our neglecting to take action on this secret membership.

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On 28 December 1948 he came to his case officer with a plan to solve his housing troubles. He stated that a number of days ago he had sent his wife to see a Herr MATTHES, who he understood to be in charge of illegal or secret SPD memberships for CARBOHYDRATE's city administrative district. She had explained to MATTHES CARBOHYDRATE's need for a Soviet Sector address and his reluctance to actually move out of the US Sector. MATTHES stated, according to CARBOHYDRATE, that he had handled such problems before. He proposed to get CARBOHYDRATE a room with an illegal SPD man living in Teltow, in the Soviet Zone on the Berlin city boundary. The scheme was that he would tell his office that he was considering a divorce from his wife, and consequently had taken up separate residence. Actually, however, he would have continued to live with his wife and family in the US Sector. The flagrant security violations involved in this scheme, even were the illegal SPD, the Ost-Büro, et al, not such notoriously poor security risks need no comment. Very nearly as bad was the utter lack of discipline on the part of the agent. Not only had he not reported his plan ante facto to his case officer, but he had ignored his case officer's clear instructions to attempt through his SPD colleagues to secure, and move into, Soviet Sector housing. This was the first and last example of bull headedness on the part of the agent and was made the occasion of a heart-to-heart talk in which the case officer pointed out quite forcefully the mutual obligations extant between the agent and us. The physical dangers to him of ignoring our operational advice, based on experience and other sources, was pointed out to him, and his stature was considerably diminished in his own eyes. The result is that the agent has ever since been as tractable and cautious as might be desired, but the grave problem of what to do about his secret SPD membership has not as yet been solved. We are moving carefully, and consulting with SPD experts both within and without the party in an effort to erase his name from the rolls without attracting attention.

11. Possible Move to Soviet Sector: CARBOHYDRATE hopes within the next few weeks to be able to move into the Soviet Sector. His wife, although understandably reluctant, approves the move because of its necessity in our interests. The agent is acquainted with an ex-Nazi publisher who lives in Berlin/Pankow in the same street as do LUST, SCHÜPPE, and BRANDT of the GAI. This publisher is afraid that because of his party background he may lose his business -- also located in the Soviet Sector -- and is considering trying to move his business out and trade apartments with CARBOHYDRATE. This move, it is felt, would help to consolidate CARBOHYDRATE's position in upper police circles, although it would admittedly seriously complicate the problems of communication between him and his case officer.

12. CARBOHYDRATE Instructed to Report Meeting with CIC: On 22 April 1949 we were presented with a unique opportunity to raise CARBOHYDRATE's stock with his superiors in the Police Praesidium. On the morning of that date a German called at his apartment, and, not finding him at home, told his wife he would return that evening. At 7 p.m. he returned and requested CARBOHYDRATE to appear at a certain address in Berlin/Zehlendorf the following day for an interview with a Mr STAINFR. CARBOHYDRATE at once telephoned his case officer in some alarm, and a meeting was arranged for the same evening. We recognized the address as that of a CIC Region VIII Field Office, and instructed CARBOHYDRATE to ignore the request but to report the matter to his department head, SCHÖNHERR. SCHÖNHERR, it so happened, was on his way to the office of Cpl ZHUKOV, the Soviet Central Komandatura officer in charge of police matters, when the agent reported the incident the following day. SCHÖNHERR, consequently, reported the affair in full to ZHUKOV, and ZHUKOV instructed him to tell CARBOHYDRATE to keep the appointment but not to accept any proposal to do agent work. We at once obtained approval from Special Agents Hans and Bard of the Region VIII Special Projects Section to lay on an actual interview for CARBOHYDRATE at the field office. He, in turn, informed SCHÖNHERR that the interview had been postponed until 2 p.m. 26 April, at which time the interview actually took place. A responsible CIC Special Agent met CARBOHYDRATE at the field office, allowed him to look at the interior, and told him what he could report. A copy of CARBOHYDRATE's report to SCHÖNHERR is

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attached to this memorandum. CARBOHYDRATE later reported that SCHONHERR was visibly disappointed that he had not been asked more compromising questions. CARBOHYDRATE explained to him that in his opinion the Americans feared that the MARKGRAF police living in the US Sector might actually form a police agent-informant net, and consequently the questions asked him had been strictly of a normal security nature. He stated that SCHONHERR appeared well satisfied with this explanation.

13. Up-to-date Agent Control Forms on CARBOHYDRATE are being pouched as MGB/A-3960 and MGB/A-3961.

14. The following disseminations based on material furnished by CARBOHYDRATE have been made:

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| MGB-6530 | MGB-7001 | MGB-7390 | MGB-7870 | MGB/A-1833 |
| MGB-6541 | MGB-7137 | MGB-7433 | MGB-7898 | MGB/A-2232 |
| MGB-6588 | MGB-7152 | MGB-7500 | MGB-7899 | MGB/A-2280 |
| MGB-6679 | MGB-7157 | MGB-7544 | MGB-8248 | MGB/A-3503 |
| MGB-6711 | MGB-7158 | MGB-7590 | MGB-8341 | |
| MGB-6714 | MGB-7249 | MGB-7592 | MGB-8354 | |
| MGB-6729 | MGB-7250 | MGB-7659 | MGB-8392 | |
| MGB-6741 | MGB-7302 | MGB-7738 | | |
| MGB-6842 | MGB-7313 | MGB-7748 | BRLN 793 | |
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